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HOUSE RESOLUTION 123  
By Head

A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of William Ponder Adkins  
of Montgomery County.

WHEREAS, It was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the death of William Ponder Adkins of Montgomery County, who was one of Tennessee' s most distinguished educators; and

WHEREAS, William Ponder Adkins was an exemplary Tennessean and a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his students and for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Adkins rigorously prepared academically for a career in public education by graduating from George Peabody College; and

WHEREAS, Always striving to help the students of Montgomery County, beginning in 1952, Mr. Adkins served as a classroom teacher and as a school principal in several communities, including the Fredonia and St. Bethlehem communities; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Adkins was an active member of his community who was involved in numerous civic activities and organizations, including, most notably, the Independent Order of Oddfellows; and

WHEREAS, A gentleman who fully appreciated the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of citizenship, Mr. Adkins also served his country's military honorably and was a veteran of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional gentleman is survived by his loving wife; and

WHEREAS, People of Mr. Adkins' eminent stature do not often walk among us, and his death creates a void that will not be easily filled; and

WHEREAS, William Ponder Adkins leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby pause to honor the memory of Mr. William Ponder Adkins, recalling fondly his life of purpose and commitment and his many valuable contributions to Montgomery County and to Tennessee, even as we mourn his death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend our sympathy and condolences to Mr. Adkins' family and many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.